

(c) *In developing the pilot program, the commission and the Department of State Health Services shall identify measurable goals and specific strategies for achieving those goals. The specific strategies may be evidence-based to the extent evidence-based strategies are available for the purposes of the program.*

(d) *The commission shall submit a report on or before each November 1 that occurs during the period the pilot program is operated to the standing committees of the senate and house of representatives having primary jurisdiction over the child health plan and Medicaid programs regarding the results of the program. In addition, the commission shall submit a final report to the committees regarding those results not later than three months after the conclusion of the program. Each report must include:*

(1) *a summary of the identified goals for the program and the strategies used to achieve those goals;*

(2) *an analysis of all data collected in the program as of the end of the period covered by the report and the capability of the data to measure achievement of the identified goals;*

(3) *a recommendation regarding the continued operation of the program; and*

(4) *a recommendation regarding whether the program should be implemented statewide.*

(e) *The executive commissioner may adopt rules to implement this section.*

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

Passed the Senate on April 2, 2009: Yeas 31, Nays 0; the Senate concurred in House amendments on May 30, 2009: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House, with amendments, on May 27, 2009: Yeas 129, Nays 19, one present not voting.

Approved June 19, 2009.

Effective September 1, 2009.

CHAPTER 1213

S.B. No. 956

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of a law school in the city of Dallas by the University of North Texas System.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 105.001, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 105.001. UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS SYSTEM. The University of North Texas System is composed of:

(1) the University of North Texas;

(2) the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth; ~~and~~

(3) the University of North Texas at Dallas; *and*

(4) *the University of North Texas at Dallas College of Law.*

SECTION 2. Section 105.151, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c-1) and amending Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(c-1) *Venue for a suit filed solely against the University of North Texas at Dallas College of Law or against officers or employees of the University of North Texas at Dallas College of Law is in Dallas County.*

(d) In case of a conflict between Subsection (a), (b), ~~(c)~~, or (c-1) and any other law, Subsection (a), (b), ~~(c)~~, or (c-1) controls.

SECTION 3. Subchapter J, Chapter 105, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 105.502 to read as follows:

Sec. 105.502. UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS SYSTEM COLLEGE OF LAW. (a) The board may establish and operate a school of law in the city of Dallas as a professional school of the University of North Texas System.

(b) In administering the law school, the board may prescribe courses leading to customary degrees offered at other leading American schools of law and may award those degrees.

(c) Until the University of North Texas at Dallas has been administered as a general academic teaching institution for five years, the board shall administer the law school as a professional school of the system. After that period, the law school shall become a professional school of the University of North Texas at Dallas. Until the law school becomes a professional school of the University of North Texas at Dallas, the law school:

(1) is considered an institution of higher education under Section 61.003 for all purposes under other law; and

(2) is entitled to formula funding as if the law school were a professional school of a general academic teaching institution.

(d) Before the board establishes a law school under this section, but not later than June 1, 2010, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall prepare a feasibility study to determine the actions the system must take to obtain accreditation of the law school. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall deliver a copy of the study to the chair of each legislative standing committee or subcommittee with jurisdiction over higher education.

(e) The board may solicit and accept gifts, grants, and donations from any public or private source for the purposes of this section.

SECTION 4. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 61.0665 to read as follows:

Sec. 61.0665. STUDY REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF LAW SCHOOLS. (a) The board shall conduct a study to examine the need for and feasibility of establishing a public law school in areas of the state where a law school is not located, including the Texas-Mexico border region. The study shall be conducted using the same criteria used for determining the need for and feasibility of establishing the University of North Texas at Dallas College of Law.

(b) Not later than November 1, 2010, the board shall report the results of the study required by Subsection (a) to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of representatives, and presiding officer of each legislative standing committee with primary jurisdiction over higher education.

(c) This section expires January 31, 2011.

SECTION 5. If this Act receives a vote of at least two-thirds of the membership of each house of the legislature, the University of North Texas at Dallas College of Law created under Section 105.502, Education Code, as added by this Act, is entitled to participate in the funding provided by Section 17, Article VII, Texas Constitution.

SECTION 6. This Act does not make an appropriation. This Act takes effect only if a specific appropriation for the implementation of the Act is provided in a general appropriations act of the 81st Legislature.

SECTION 7. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

Passed the Senate on April 15, 2009: Yeas 29, Nays 1; May 18, 2009, Senate refused to concur in House amendments and requested appointment of Conference Committee; May 25, 2009, House granted request of the Senate; May 31, 2009, Senate adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1; passed the House, with amendments, on May 14, 2009: Yeas 108, Nays 35, one present not voting; May 25, 2009, House granted request of the Senate for appointment of Conference Committee; May 31, 2009, House adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 112, Nays 24, one present not voting.

Approved June 19, 2009.

Effective June 19, 2009

CHAPTER 1214

S.B. No. 1003

AN ACT

relating to the continuation and functions of the Office of State–Federal Relations and the administrative attachment of that agency to the office of the governor.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 751.002, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The Office of State–Federal Relations is an agency of the state and operates within the executive department. *The office is administratively attached to the office of the governor. The governor's office shall provide human resources and other administrative support for the office. The office is funded by appropriations made to the office of the governor.*

SECTION 2. Section 751.003, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 751.003. SUNSET PROVISION. The Office of State–Federal Relations is subject to Chapter 325 (Texas Sunset Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by that chapter, the office is abolished and this chapter expires September 1, 2015 [2009]. ~~[In the review of the office by the Sunset Advisory Commission, as required by this section, the sunset commission shall limit its review to the appropriateness of recommendations made to the 80th Legislature. In its report to the 81st Legislature, the sunset commission may include any recommendations it considers appropriate.]~~

SECTION 3. The heading to Section 751.005, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 751.005. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICE [DIRECTOR].

SECTION 4. Section 751.005, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a), (b), and (c) and adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(a) The office [director] shall exercise the powers and carry out the duties prescribed by this section in order to act as a liaison from the state to the federal government.

(b) The office [director] shall:

- (1) help coordinate state and federal programs dealing with the same subject;
- (2) inform the governor and the legislature of federal programs that may be carried out in the state or that affect state programs;
- (3) provide federal agencies and the United States Congress with information about state policy and state conditions on matters that concern the federal government;
- (4) provide the legislature with information useful in measuring the effect of federal actions on the state and local programs;
- (5) prepare and supply to the governor and all members of the legislature an annual report that:

- (A) describes the office's operations;
- (B) contains the office's priorities and strategies for the following year;
- (C) details projects and legislation pursued by the office;
- (D) discusses issues in the following congressional session of interest to this state; and
- (E) contains an analysis of federal funds availability and formulae; ~~and~~

(6) prepare annually a complete and detailed written report accounting for all funds received and disbursed by the office during the preceding fiscal year;